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### City of Chattanooga and United Way Reopen Tax Relief Program for Seniors and Disabled Veterans

**Chattanooga, Tenn. (Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021)** — The City of Chattanooga, in partnership with United Way of Greater Chattanooga, has reopened applications for qualifying residents to get help paying their city property taxes and city water quality fees, alongside available property tax relief through the State of Tennessee.

Applications, qualifications and key dates for these assistance programs may be accessed on the Chattanooga Treasury Department's website, by visiting [cha.city/taxrelief](http://cha.city/taxrelief), or by calling the City of Chattanooga Treasury Division at **(423) 643-7274**.

**Tax Relief Programs:**

Program	Agency	Eligibility Parameters
Senior Tax Freeze	City of Chattanooga	Age, income
Property Tax Relief	State of Tennessee	Age, disability, income, veteran status
Water Quality Fee Relief	United Way of Greater Chattanooga	Dependent upon approval for either Senior Tax Freeze or Property Tax Relief

The City of Chattanooga will assist residents in filling out their tax relief application at various community centers from **Nov. 8 to Feb. 24**. All sessions are in-person. To make an appointment, please call (423) 643-7274. [Click here](#) to see the calendar of available appointment dates and locations to receive assistance applying for tax relief, or visit [cha.city/taxrelief](http://cha.city/taxrelief).

Anyone who thinks they may qualify, or know someone who does, and needs assistance with payments please call 423-643-7274 or email [taxrelief@chattanooga.gov](mailto:taxrelief@chattanooga.gov).

Tax relief and water quality fee applications must be resubmitted each year to continue to qualify for assistance.



The application deadline for all three assistance programs (Senior Tax Freeze, Property Tax Relief, and Water Quality Fee Relief) is **April 5, 2022**.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

### FOR STATE TAX RELIEF:

#### **Seniors:**

- Must be age 65 or older by Dec. 31, 2021.
- Must own and live in a home in the City of Chattanooga as a primary residence.
- Maximum 2020 income of the applicants, spouse, co-owner, and resident remainder (if applicable) is \$31,190.

#### **Disabled homeowners**

- Must have a total or permanent disability rating from the Social Security Administration that occurred before 12/31/2021.
- Must own and live in a home in the City of Chattanooga as primary residence.
- Maximum 2020 income of the applicant, spouse, co-owner, and resident remainder (if applicable) is \$31,190.

#### **Disabled veteran homeowners:**

- Must have 100% total and permanent disability rating from a service-connected disability on or before 12/31/2021..
- Must not have been dishonorably discharged from any armed services.

#### **Widow(er)s of a disabled veteran homeowner:**

- Tax relief will be extended to the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran who, at the time of the disabled veteran's death, was eligible for disabled veterans' property tax relief.

### FOR CITY TAX FREEZE:

- Must be age 65 or older by 12/31/2021.
- Must own and live in a home in the city of Chattanooga as primary residence.
- Maximum 2020 income for you, your spouse and all parties listed on property deed is \$41,380.

### FOR WATER QUALITY FEE RELIEF:

- If you qualify for the state tax relief or city tax freeze, you may also qualify for water quality fee relief through the United Way of Greater Chattanooga